

681—13.12 (262) When authorization is required for use of facilities open for general use. To prevent conflicts in the use of facilities, groups or persons wishing to use facilities, whether indoors or outdoors, should schedule use of university facilities as provided below. ISU has designated public forum areas with few restrictions. Public events, as defined below, require filing of a notice, or approval depending on the event.

“Public events” are defined as outdoor events in which more than 50 persons are participating or at which the sponsor reasonably expects more than 50 persons to be involved, or indoor events in which more than 15 persons are participating or at which the sponsor reasonably expects more than 15 persons to be involved.

13.12(1) Outdoor areas.

a. Designated public forums. The Edward S. Allen Area of Free Debate, located west and south of the Hub, and the area south of the Campanile have been designated as public forums for noncommercial expression. If these areas have not been reserved for use for university purposes or by student, faculty or staff organizations, any member of the public or of the university community may use these areas for expressive activities on a first-come, first-served basis. Signs or placards, each of which is carried by one or two persons, are permitted. Freestanding displays are permitted as long as the display occupies a space of less than 200 cubic feet, weighs less than 300 pounds and is accompanied at all times by an individual responsible for the display. Leafleting may be conducted in a way that avoids substantial littering of the campus.

b. Uses that require only notice. Organizations and groups of persons wishing to use outdoor areas other than a designated public forum for a public event must file with the Student Activities Center a notice of intent to use an area. If possible, such notice should be given at least 24 hours in advance of the event but, in any case, must be given at least 3 hours prior to the event. No approval is necessary if the event meets the following criteria:

- (1) On weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., the event will be held at least 100 feet away from buildings that normally hold classes;
- (2) No other person or group has been authorized to use the area or has filed a notice of intent to use that area or an adjacent area;
- (3) The organizers do not intend to use amplification equipment or equipment requiring use of electrical power connections. Hand-held megaphones are permitted if used so as to direct the sound away from nearby buildings that normally hold classes;
- (4) Participants will not use displays other than signs or banners carried at all times by one or two participants (unattended displays may not be used without permission);
- (5) If the event is not held at one of the two public forum areas, the event will occur only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.; and
- (6) The sponsor of the event indicates that the event will comply with the general restrictions indicated above.

c. Uses that require approval. A public event not at a designated public forum, and which does not meet the above criteria, requires prior approval by the filing of an Activity Authorization Form with the Student Activities Center at least three business days in advance of the proposed event. The Student Activities Center will make every effort to provide approval or nonapproval, with a statement of the reasons for nonapproval, within one business day. The sponsors of the event may request a waiver of the three-day requirement. A waiver may be granted if the Student Activities Center determines that there are good reasons for an exception.

Approval of events will be based upon whether the event meets the general rules indicated in this chapter. Approval may be conditioned upon sponsors' making reasonable assurances that the event will comply with the general rules. In addition, reasonable time, place and manner restrictions may be required. Events will not be disapproved based upon the content of proposed speaking or expressive activity.

Following such clearance, the organization shall make particular arrangements regarding location, electrical power needs, custodial services, and provision for liability insurance as directed by the Student Activities Center. If streets or parking lots will be involved, the organization must receive clearance from the department of public safety, telephone (515)294-4428. Preferred locations for outdoor events likely to cause disruption of other activities are the areas south or north of the Campanile, west of Curtiss Hall, east of Ross Hall, south of the Hub, and south of the Parks Library, provided the events do not conflict with university classes or scheduled activities and provided the events conform to appropriate uses for the area.

13.12(2) Indoor areas.

a. General policy regarding use. Any use of indoor areas must not conflict with university programs and events and must be compatible with the purpose of the facility or the particular area to be used.

(1) Members of the general public and campus community are free to enter university facilities, other than restricted areas, during business hours as necessary to transact business, seek information about the university or deliver petitions or correspondence.

(2) Organizations and groups desiring to use academic and residence facilities for conferences should contact the offices listed in 13.12(2)“d” to determine availability and fees for use. Organizations desiring to use the Iowa State Center or the Iowa State Memorial Union for conferences, meetings and events should contact the relevant facility at the numbers listed below.

(3) Organizations (other than recognized campus and student organizations) using classrooms, auditoriums, and meeting rooms will be charged the customary rental of those facilities. All users will be responsible for costs incurred for setup, equipment use, cleanup and use of services and materials of the university.

(4) To avoid disruption, the following kinds of indoor areas are not available for non-university-related assembly or solicitation: hallways, stairways, waiting rooms, residence halls and apartments, dining facilities, workrooms, common areas provided around service windows, the Veterinary Hospital and the Student Health Center. Atria and open areas in buildings are generally available for use except when they are used as waiting areas or common areas around service windows.

b. Uses that require scheduling. To avoid conflicts with university activities and permitted use by others, organized use of indoor areas by groups of 15 or fewer persons that will substantially exclude others from using the same or adjacent areas, other than transitory passage through public areas and hallways, requires scheduling through the Student Activities Center.

c. Uses that require approval. Organized or concerted assembly or solicitation at indoor areas by groups involving more than 15 persons for non-university-related purposes must be approved by the filing of an activity authorization form with the Student Activities Center at least three days in advance of the activity. The Student Activities Center will make every effort to provide approval or nonapproval, with a statement of the reasons for nonapproval, within one business day. The sponsors of the event may request waiver of the three-day requirement. A waiver may be granted if the Student Activities Center determines that there are good reasons for an exception.

Approval of events will be based upon whether the event is consistent with the facility’s purpose and with the university’s general rules on facility use. In addition, reasonable time, place and manner restrictions may be required. Events will not be disapproved based upon the content of any expressive activity. Persons denied authorization may appeal to the vice president for business and finance.

d. Facilities managed by separate university offices or organizations. The Student Activities Center and users must coordinate use of these facilities with the listed offices:

1. Common areas in buildings—building coordinator for the building;
2. Rooms in academic or administrative buildings—Room Scheduling, General Services Building, 294-5338;
3. Memorial Union—Event Management Office, 3630 Memorial Union, 294-1437;

4. Iowa State Center—Center Office, 4 Scheman Conference Center, 294-3347;
5. Residence Halls—294-2900 (general); 294-6428 (meeting rooms); 294-8384 (conferences);
6. University Family Housing Office, 294-5360;
7. Fredericksen Court Office, 294-2107;
8. Recreation facilities—Recreation Services Administrative Office, 2220 State Gym, 294-4980. Recreation facilities include Beyer Hall, State Gym, Lied Recreation/Athletic Facility, and outdoor intramural-recreation fields and courts;
9. Howe Hall Auditorium—Engineering Distance Education, 294-7470;
10. University Studios—294-6014;
11. Farm Bureau Pavilion—Animal Science, 294-5424;
12. Athletics Facilities—Athletic Department, Jacobson Athletic Building, 294-3662. Athletics facilities include Hilton Coliseum, Jack Trice Stadium, Jacobson Athletic Building, and Steve and Debbie Bergstrom Indoor Practice Facility.

Students and student organizations have priority for use of residence facilities, recreation facilities and the Memorial Union. Students and student organizations may directly contact the offices listed above to schedule use of meeting rooms and other facilities.

As part of the university's comprehensive effort to conserve energy and save money, activities will generally be scheduled in buildings normally open and operational in the evenings. More information may be obtained through the Room Scheduling Office. The ISU policy on facilities use after hours may be found in the policy library.